

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to require their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear and outrageous example of media consolidation abuse..

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies with political agendas control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. This writer demands political balance; ie: opposing sides must be shown on the same program.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.